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Mrs. J. R. Bell  
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Clyria, O.

April 1, 1943.

Darling,

Here I am at your mother's again using her stationery and eating her meals. Ain't I an awful chicker, but really I'm not because I brought over a three pound can of Crisco (which she said she needed) and a can of pumpkin (which I promised her).

Didn't I write you and awful letter yesterday. But when I was writing it I had a headache and couldn't think very straight. But I shall try to make up for it to-day. you know I get the sweetest letters from a certain soldier. I just love them, I read them so much I'll bet I practically know them by heart. and, Darling don't you dare say you don't write nice letters. Why you write the grandest letters, I just feel as though you were sitting right next to me talking to me. It's the next best thing to hearing your



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Tell me, Sweetie, do you get good meals? How is Chow? are the Army cooks as good as me? Oh, of course not, They have only had years of experience, Still any way I hope you enjoy your meals because I know you always did love to eat.

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[[Nick Dante 6/16/16]]

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[[Page 1- Envelope - Front]]

[[image- purple three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- black circle stamp: ELYRIA, OHIO 1943  
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